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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masafumi HAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1734

Serial No.: 09/921,005

Examiner: Jerry Lorengo

Filed: August 3, 2001

For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD

CONFIRMATION OF ORAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is to confirm the recent telephone discussions between the Examiner and the undersigned regarding a three-way restriction requirement among method claims 1 to 9 and 29 to 35, article claims 19 and 27, and product-by-process claims 20, 21, and 28 and should the method claims be elected, an election of species of one of the following four groups: (1) claims 10 to 18; (2) claims 22, 25, and 26; (3) claim 23; and (4) claim 24, and applicants' election with traverse of the method claims (1 to 9 and 29 to 35) and the first species (claims 10 to 18). The election is made with traverse

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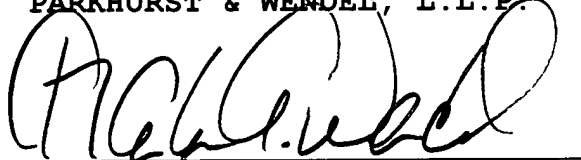
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because there is nothing in the record to indicate that all claimed subject matter cannot be readily examined at the same time.

An early examination of at least claims 1 to 18 and 29 to 35 is earnestly solicited.

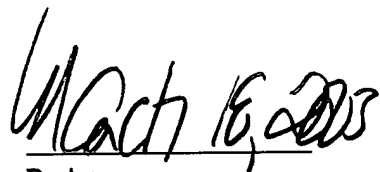
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